

In the case of the State Treasurer, there is a considerable amount of funds there. There are several programs, including the pay for the personal property tax exemption as it now exists, including the reimbursement to the local government for a governmental subdivision fund of \$12.6 million. The personal property tax exemption is at a level of \$53 million in the appropriation. Some of the things that we did add to the Treasurers Office, they were small amounts but an addition of half an employee to assist in the audit and investigations of unclaimed funds with is the responsibility of that office. Also permitted is, in effect, a cashier to be in the State Office Building for the convenience of some of the agencies there. The Public Service Commission is essentially the agencies request, adjusted only by its salary levels and rental for their space in the State Office Building. The Board of Pardons is the last agency in this bill. In the case of the Board of Pardons we essentially gave their request with the exception they had asked for two transcribers to type up the various hearings that they hold. The committee recommends that one of these positions be added to their staff. With that brief explanation, Mr. President, I guess I'd take the first committee amendment, Mr. Clerk. Vince. I'm ready for the first committee amendment.

CLERK: To add the severability clause? You want to take these separately?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

CLERK: Okay. The amendments are found on page 1517. The first one is add the severability clause.

SENATOR WARNER: As you recall, this was done in LB 530 as a precautionary measure. There should not be any argument about it. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit. Senator Newell. Senator Newell. The question is the adoption of the amendment. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays. The next amendment would be amendment number two found on page 1517 of the Journal. (Read amendment).

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Again, this is the same kind of language that was placed in LB 530 which permits the exception to the personal services limitation where certain federal funds may be available to the agency requiring the following of the provisions of LB 442 that was enacted a couple of years ago, and in addition puts in a prohibition for a request of the state to pick up those, at least automatically put in a request for the state to pick up those federal funds, should they be phased out as a part of their future budgets that they would be submitting. I'd move for the adoption of that amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the adoption of Senator Warner's amendment. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays.